

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted to pass the case to prosecution.

1. The Examiner's acknowledgment in paragraph 12 of page 2 of the office action of the priority claim and receipt of the priority papers is appreciated.

2. Pursuant to the requirement for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects the invention classified in Group I, namely, claims 1 to 8 drawn to the method of making electrical connectors.

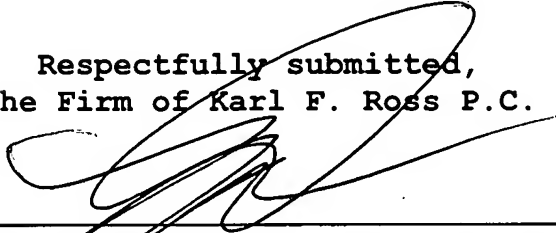
3. The requirement for restriction is, however, respectfully traversed. The Examiner has indicated that restriction is justified because the product as claimed can be made by another materially different process by attaching it to the plastic layer by a solder or automotive adhesive. Claim 1, the basic method claim requires applying the clip to the metal tube surrounded by the electrically nonconductive plastic layer and pressing the penetrating portion into direct electrically conducting contact

with the metal tube and thereafter welding the clip to the plastic layer.

Claim 9, the independent claim directed to the electrical connector itself calls for a clip which upon application to the metal tube is pressed into the plastic layer into direct electrically conducting contact with the metal tube so that the clip can thereafter be welded to the plastic layer. A side by side comparison of claim 1 with claim 9 makes it difficult to see how one can read the product claim as capable of being made by a materially different process from that set forth in claim 1 nor can it readily be seen how the process of claim 1 could be used to make a materially different process. While the Examiner is correct that the clip of claim 1 or claim 9, for that matter, need not be usable in an automotive vehicle application as claimed, the Examiner has not restricted claims 16 and 17 from claims 1 through 15. Thus, while Applicant does not traverse a restriction requirement as between claims 1 to 15 and 16 and 17, the restriction requirement between claims 9 to 15 of Group II and the claims of group I is

respectfully traversed on the grounds given and an action on the merits of all of claims 1 to 15 is deemed to be in order.

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